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1. A split has developed within the entourage of King Mihai over the advisability of a Royal statement denouncing the act of abdication as void. General Lazar, Queen Mother Helen, and the Duchess of Aosta, sister of the Queen Mother, oppose the issuance of a statement. Dimitru Negel, Marshal of the Royal Court, and Mircea Ionitziu, private secretary, favor it. Major Jacques Vergotti, aide to King Mihai, at first opposed the issuance of such a document but presently supports it. Reasons for the opposition of the Queen Mother and her sister to such a Royal declaration are not known.
2. Leaders of the Rumanian opposition abroad in general desire a denunciation of the abdication, although a few oppose it. Grigore Miculescu-Busesti and Alexander Gretsianu wish the King to issue a statement immediately and believe that further delay is politically unwise. Charles Davila, former Minister to Washington, takes a contrary position.

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